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LAVERKIN CITY WATER BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 5:00 p.m.

435 North Main Street, LaVerkin, UT

Present: Mayor Karl Wilson, Kyle Gubler, Derek Imlay, Virgil Bice, Victor Iverson, Anna Andregg, Norman Gubler, and Troylinn Benson

I. **Call to Order** by Virgil Bice at 5:00pm. Invocation by Kyle Gubler.

II. **Approval of Minutes:** February 27, 2013 minutes

Motion was made by Mayor Karl Wilson to approve the February 27, 2013 minutes as corrected, second by Victor Iverson. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **Council Appointment of New Board Member**

Mayor Wilson reported that the City Council has asked Anna Andregg to be the new Water Board member and Anna accepted.

IV. **Reports:**

A. Financials – Karl Wilson

Mayor Wilson passed out the financial report. At the last meeting he reported that \$11,000 was going to be moved from the Irrigation Fund to a Capital Improvement Fund to help with the Roofing Project. That was not done. The project was able to be entirely paid for out of the General Fund. There may be some transfers at the next budget amendment if any of the funds are able to pay their share of that project.

The tightest fund we have this year is the Operational budget in the Irrigation Fund. He and Troylinn will be going over that fund and watching it very closely so we end the year at or under budget. Mayor Wilson went over some of the line items. As of right now 77% of the budget has been spent and we are 83% through the year. He also explained that the depreciation line can be spent but he would rather not, he likes it to be the money that goes into the Capital Fund for the next year.

Anna Andregg asked why the employee benefits have increased so much from last year.

Mayor Wilson replied that item always surprises him as well. The health insurance and retirement keep increasing. He will look into that further.

Victor asked about the Capital Fund.

Mayor Wilson said that we are very healthy. The old money has been spent so we can use the money on anything that improves the system and keeps it going.

We have had no complaints this year from the citizens.

B. Culinary Water Management Update

The slippage average is 30%. Our goal for this year is to get under 20%.

The slippage for the transmission line has gone to almost 0 since the District calibrated the meters.

C. Irrigation Management Update

The Mayor was not able to log into the SCADA system to get the numbers for water usage.

He did report that Western Resources out of Denver Colorado was hired by Citizens for Dixie's Future and is proposing the idea of not putting the Lake Powell Pipeline in. They think that the difference can be made up by converting agriculture use to culinary use. Mayor Wilson questions their numbers because they are not the same as the numbers we have from the water experts and engineers. Another concern he has is that when water gets converted it is 2 to 1. So to change it to culinary you get half the amount that was started with.

There may come a time when we need our Ag water.

Mayor Wilson pointed out that 92% of our revenues are in and we have spent 77%. In the winter the citizens who rent irrigation water are not charged, now that fee is being charged again the revenues should go over 100% by the end of the financial year.

D. Water usage

1. Culinary Water

2. Secondary Water

As far as breaks in the filter system it has been a very good year. Most of the breaks Doug has had fixed before people have even realized.

There has been a problem with the filters. The water has not had to be turned off but filter #1 is tripping its breaker. It is an unusual problem. Amneoid is coming down to consult with the City and try to fix it.

As these problems arise they end up being a learning experience which often turns into something that benefits us like discovering a new cleaning process, which has helped tremendously.

Mayor Wilson gave a brief history of Pah Tempe and Ken Anderson he also explained what has been happening with that property now. Washington County Water Conservancy District made an offer on the property with the condition that it had a clear title. The offer was accepted, they are just waiting for a clear title. There has been an injunction filed against the sale by Gary Tom and Dennis Parker who are representing 7 Indian Nations.

Mayor Wilson and Mayor Hirschi met with Ron Thompson and it was decided to form an Advisory Committee to advise the County and the Water District on what to do with that property. Ron wants to get the BLM study and the USGS study done first to find out the effect the salts and minerals have on the endangered species in the River.

E. Water Contracts – Kyle Gubler

Last year we took back 11/4 shares of water, mostly from people not responding to the letter. This year we will be sending out 27 delinquent letters. They then have 180 days to make their account current and then we will start the process.

Kyle received a letter for the Water Board from Jan McConkie. In her letter she claims that 15-16 years ago the Canal Company changed her pipes from 4" to 1". Now she is having trouble getting water. She is at the end of the line. She owns approximately 2 water shares which she pays for every year but for the past 10 years has had to use culinary. She was wondering if a clean out could be put in.

There was a discussion of what could be done to help this situation.

Derek will do some research and get with Kyle. If a logical solution can be found to fix the issue the Board is okay with staff taking care of it and reporting back at the next meeting.

V. Public Concerns for Board Consideration:

None

VI. Board members concerns

Victor said that Rob Vigoren would like to water across Bringhurst Lane.

Mayor Wilson explained what the issue with that has been.

Victor will check with the State.

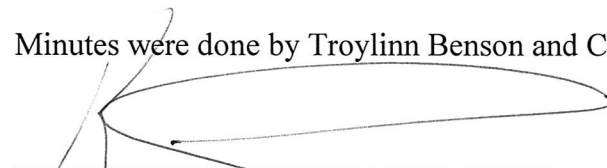
Victor wanted to let the Board know about Irrigation Alliance Group. It is an advocacy group for irrigation companies he thought it might be worth joining.

Mayor Wilson will do some research on it.

VII. Adjourn

Motion was made by Kyle Gubler to adjourn the meeting, second by Derek. Motion carried unanimously at 5:53pm.

Minutes were done by Troylinn Benson and Christy Ballard.


Chairman

